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1. According to an order issued on 31 July 1953, the following reserves of rolling stock have been formed: 50 boxcars each prepared by the Potsdam railroad repair shop in Rosslieben, Weimar, Guetterglueck, Wegeleben, Bufleben and Elsnigk; 25 SS-type flatcars prepared by the Tempelhof railroad repair shop in Karow, Herrnburg and Neustrelitz.
2. In July and August, source observed trains of 30 to 50 empty box- and gondola cars parked at various railroad stations, i.e. in Schoeneweide, Falkow, Koenigswusterhausen, Halberstadt, Wegeleben, Koethen, Wiesenburg, Dahlen, Chemnitz, Clauhau, Goeschwitz and Eberswalde. All the cars had undergone general overhaul.
3. In mid-August, it was learned from official railroad records that tank shuttle trains were parked at Fuerstenwalde (16 SSy cars), Seelow (20 RRym cars), Fredersdorf (32 SSy cars), Koenenick (19 SSy cars), Fangschleuse (16 RRym cars), Frankfurt/Oder (14 RRym cars), and Gross-Neuendorf (24 SSy cars).
4. Since April 1953, reserve trains consisting of 50 boxcars each which had undergone general repair in railroad repair shops, have been parked in the Magdeburg railroad district. These trains must only be used by order of the Main Administration for Rolling Stock. The switches of the sidings on which the trains are being parked are sealed. So far, 27 such trains have been assembled in the Magdeburg railroad district. An average of one or two more such trains is being formed every week. Trains were observed at the following stations:

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Railroad Station	Number of Trains
Salzwedel	3
Seehausen/Altmark	1
Stendal	2
Uchte Springs	2
Sebisfelde	2
Magdeburg/Sudenburg	7
Hiendorf	3
Leudeberg-Danstett	1
Blumenberg	1
Dueteringhuesk	2
?	2
Geestgotthberg	7
Osterburg	2
Bindfeld	1
Gordelagen	1
Genthin	2
Magdeburg/Neustadt	3
Giersleben	2
Wassorleben	1
Kleinwanzleben	1
Medlitz	2

5. The carpentry shop established at the Berlin-Ost freight station for the equipping of troop cars is identical with the Demo Lager which was previously located in Friedrichsfelde-Ost. The carpentry shop is equipped with wood working machinery of all types and lock-smith tools and employs a work force of 40 men whose mission it is to convert standard boxcars into troop cars by order of the Soviets. Source believed that 40 boxcars could be converted into troop cars daily if the cars were provided with double-bunks, while 80 cars could be handled if they were equipped with benches only. Special partition boards, used for train shuttle trains, were also manufactured at the installation. 3

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1. [] Comment. The parking of a sizeable number of reserved freight cars were reported previously. See []. These cars may either be used for harvest shipments or the retransfer of Soviet units from troop training grounds to their military posts and a subsequent rotation of personnel, as observed in the previous years. See [] 25X1A

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2. [] Comment. These tank shuttle trains are being kept at the exclusive disposal of the Soviets. A total of 15 such trains is known to exist. They are parked at various railroad stations. 25X1A

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